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As the County of Kaua'i (along with Maui County) stated in the Commission's proceeding on electric competition, the electric utility systems in each county in Hawai'i vary significantly from the mainland and from each other. The variation between the other counties and Kaua'i has increased since the time that position was taken, with the conversion of Kaua'i County's utility from an investor-owned company to a member-owned, non-profit, public cooperative.

The County is a member of the co-op, and its elected officials are the de facto stewards for the co-op members. In its dual role as member and steward, the County's position in this docket is that the policies and programs that are developed as a result of the docket must be of value to the co-op or its members, and should not be unduly burdensome or costly.

Kaua'i also has unique experience among the counties in issues relating to distributed generation, since it is the only island that has suffered an island-wide power outage of unprecedented length as a result of Hurricane Iniki in 1992. Based on this experience, the County is interested in ensuring that the outcomes of this docket assist, and do not impede, the recovery of the island's electrical system from extensive damage.

Finally, the County also seeks to ensure, to the extent possible, that the docket results in measures that would enhance development opportunities in the County and promote alternative energy, while respecting county zoning requirements and community lifestyles.

Dated: Līhu'e, Hawai'i, April 30, 2004.



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I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing proposed County of Kaua'i's Position Statement upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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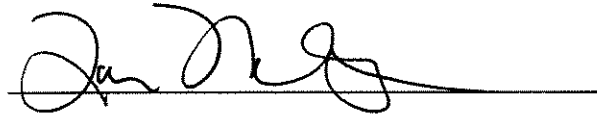
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